(b) the number of countries which had partciipated in the earlier International Film Festivals in India; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there was a very low turn-out at the screening of various film due to after-effects of the Cauvery agitation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Forty countries including India participated in the Twenty-third International Film Festival held in Bangalore.

(b) The number of countries which participated in the International Film Festival of India in the past few years are as follows :—

		Countries
1987	——	46
1988	——	31
1989	——	45
1990	——	45
1991	——	38

(c) While, in the begining, there was lukewarm response, the festival picked up momentum as it progressed. The overall scales collection from the public screening was about 78%. The turn-out at the shown for press and delegates was consistently good..

Non furnishing of details by drug companies

*398. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

SHRI RAJNI RAJAN SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1323 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that companies are not giving details in Form-6 and their pre-tax returns are not known;

*(b) if so, how the monitoring is done;

(c) how are the usual and unusual increases in the price of decontrolled ormulations determined by the Government;

(d) what are the criteria laid down indicating the limit o f increase in ex-jactory cost or mark up or the purpose; and

(e) what are the reasons f or which neither the details are obtained nor action is taken against the producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) :

(a), (b) and (e) The overall response of drug companies in furnishing information in Form-6 has not been satisfactory. However with constant efforts there has been some improvement.

(c) and (d) As per DPCU, 1987, MAPE at the rate of 75% and 100% on the ex-factory cost is allowed in respect of Category I and Category II formulations respectively. In respect of non-scheduled formulations, manufactureres are free to fix/revise their own prices. As per the approach adopted at present, whenever the price increase or MAPE charged in case of a non-scheduled formulation appears to be unreasonable, companies are asked to justify the increase in the prices. In case adequate Justification does not exist, companies are prevailed upon to reduce the price in the overall interest of the consumer.

Sick Small Scale Industrial Units in Bihar

*399. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that over 45000 small scale industrial units are lying sick or closed in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) :

(a) and (b) As per the latest RBI data, the number of sick small scale industiral units in Bihar as at the end of March 1990 stood at 5007 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 56.42 crores.

(c) As per the existing policy for containing sickness in the small scale sector, Government have taken the following policy measures to revive sick small scale industriel units including those in Bihar;—

(i) Insurance of detailed guidelines by RBI to scheduled commercial banks from time to time for rehabilitation of sick units with specific reference to definition of sickness, viability norms, incipient sickness as also reliefs and concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementation of rehabilitation packages in the case of potentially viable sick units;

(ii) There is a State Level Inter-Institutional Committee (SLIIC) in all States under the Chairmanship of Secretry, Industries Department for working out a rehabilitation package of viable sick small scale units referred to it ;

(iii) Under the National Equity Fund operated by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIBI), financial assistance upto Rs. 1.5 lakh per unit with a project cost not exceeding Rs. 10 lakh is provided as long term equity type of assitance as well as for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick SSI units.

(iv) Under the Centrally Sponsored Margin Money Scheme for Revival of Sick Small Scale Units, financial assistance upto Rs. 50,000 per unit is provided for rehabilitation purposes. The amount sanctioned by Government of India since the inception of the scheme upto 25,3-92 to the State of Bihar stood at Rs. 23.00 lakhs.

As a follow-up of the new policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises laid in Parliament on 6-8-91, a Committee to review the arrangements for meeting th working capital requirements of small scale industries and for the rehabilitation of sick small scale industries has been appointed vide RBI Memorandum dated 9-12-91.

Location of Defence oriented units in Rajasthan

*400. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there are many places in Rajasthan which are suitable for the location of defence oriented units;

(b) whether the Central Government have so far taken any decision on the request of the Rajasthan Government to set up defence oriented industrial units in the State during the current financial year or during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) to (c) Rajasthan has the potential for location of defence oriented units. However, having regard to the requirements and already available capacities in the Industry, there is presently no proposal to set up any new defence production unit anywhere in India, including Rajasthan.

M/s. Pyrites phosphate and chmicals Limited

3737. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a detailed project report prepared by P.P.C.L. for the manufacture of SSP/DAP and other options for utilising Saladipur Pyrites found around village Saladipura of Sikar district;

(b) if so, whether the project report has since been considered and given approval by Government ; and

(c) if so, by when a Sulphuric Acid and Super Phosphate Plant likely to be set up by M/s. Pyrites Phosphate and Chemical Limited, if not, the reasons therefor and what is the present stage of progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) PPCL's proposal was examined very carefully, however, no decision has been taken because the project would not be vialble without a considerable initial capital subsidy.

Addition of new societies

3738 SHRI RAGHAVJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Atomic Energy Department keeps adding new societies or centres;

(b) if so, the details of such additions during the last three years ; yearwise; and

(c) the details of the methodology adopted for coordinating with societies of other Scientific Departments ?